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Hongkong, 4th December, 1906. [30]

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DEATH.

On December 4th at 11 p.m., Mr. T. SAKAI,
sub-manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank. [2237]HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VIEUX ROAD CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 7TH, 1906.ABBREVIATIONS are such a recognized
feature of daily life nowadays, even in the
most select journalistic circles, where men
are proud to call themselves M.J.I., and
still more so among business men, that we
were somewhat surprised recently when a
critic, for whose opinion we have consider-
able respect, suggested that it is a fault to
refer constantly to an important department
of the Colonial Government as the P.W.D.
Our only defence at the time was that this
abbreviated form was constantly employed
officially, and we gave no further thought to
the matter. This week the receipt of a copy
of the *Singapore Free Press* with a long
article on the subject of abbreviations
generally has suggested that perhaps it
affords more interest than might be supposed.
According to our contemporary, "the
question of how far it is permissible to use
abbreviations has vexed the minds of many
righteous. A very learned bishop, for
instance, objects strongly to receiving a
letter dated '27 Nov. '06' on the ground
that it is discourteous. 'I am,' he said
"thoroughly against abbreviations on
principle and thoroughly dislike them. I
cannot understand even the busy man
writing '06, any more than I can tolerate
his talking of nineteen one. I am persuaded
abbreviations have an unwholesome effect
on men's minds. It would not inconvenience
anyone if the full and proper outlines were
made." Men who consider themselvesbusier than the busiest of bishops will call
this distinctly unreasonable, and we so
regard it; but the first question open
for serious argument is the one suggested
by the bishop's wholesale denunciation. Are
abbreviations legitimate, or are they not?When we come to necessary compromises,
we arrive at mere questions of taste, which
cannot be argued reasonably; and we quite
recognise that most people are in the incon-
sistent position, if they object to some, of
countenancing others. The Bishop would
be shocked, doubtless, to have it pointed
out that there are abbreviations in his own
criticism. In the passage quoted, the
element of abbreviation has even given room
for ambiguity, though we know what he
means when he writes "I cannot understand
even the busy man writing '06". That is
a condensed or abbreviated way of stating
that it is impossible for him to appreciate
the object or advantage to the busy man
who writes '06 for 1906; and the bishop is
quite in error in supposing that he objects
to the principle of abbreviation. Even for
a bishop with much leisure it is a necessary
principle, and all he really objects to is the
form in which the principle occasionally
manifests itself. A bishop, notwithstanding
his obligation to be meek and lowly, occupies
a certain pedestal of dignity; and it is not
difficult to see that the root grievance of this
particular bishop was that some of his
correspondents were not taking the trouble
to address him with the painstaking respect
to which he considered himself entitled.
"Nov. 27 '06, Dear Bishop, &c." certainly
does not look so respectful as "In the year
of our Lord one thousand, &c. May it
please your Lordship, &c." We wonder if
His Lordship writes *et cetera*, etc., or &c.; and
if he never wrote A.D. for Anno
Dominum, or Oxon for Oxoniensis. Who
could believe him if he averred his own
absolute consistency? It is for us quite
certain that no speaker or writer of
any known language has the right
to object "on principle", any more
than he has the right to object to rain
falling or children crying. After which
we are ready to admit that we have our
prejudices and predilections. Under tempta-
tion greater than may be understood, we
consciously strive to avoid contractions
like *advt.*, or *govt.*, but illogically or not,
we cling to P.W.D. instead of Department
of Public Works. By the way, in India it
is always written D.P.W. Our contemporary
makes a fine retort to the Bishop, which is
so obvious that it might easily have been
overlooked. "Why does not the Bishop, if
he is logical in spite of theology, object to
Mr. for Master or Mister?" Or, we may
add, for Monsieur or Monseigneur, to go
back to its probable origin? His spiritual
chiefs sign themselves "Randall Cantuar."
and "Willhelm: Ebor.", the latter a dual
abbreviation; and in sporting parlance it is
a rillition to a hayseed that our bishop who
is "thoroughly against abbreviations on
principle" likes to see the D.D. after his
name. Of him, *quant. suff.*; to belabour
him further would be, as we hope these
abbreviations are not, *infra dig.* Everybody
accepts abbreviations like H.R.H., K.C.M.G.,
P. & O., and Y.M.C.A., even while in the
act of objecting to O.K. and similar
flippencies, and we sympathise with their
illogicality. Business men would probably
strenuously defend "and/or", though it is
hideously unilateral, and for similar
reasons we uphold for local consumption
such useful and well-understood abbreviations
as P.W.D., P.C.M.O., A.D.C., and the
like.We are sorry to learn that Mr. T. Sakai,
sub-manager of the local branch of the Yoko-
hama Specie Bank, died at eleven o'clock on
Tuesday night.The body of a Chinese woman aged about
thirty years was found floating in the harbour
off Connaught Road West yesterday morning.
It had apparently been in the water only a few
hours, and the inference is that the woman
committed suicide.The Times, commenting on a letter received
from its correspondent at Cairo, says that
Mustapha Kamel, the well known anti-British
agitator, is once more in favour at the Palace,
and once again in cash. It is suspected at
Cairo that a large part of the money that was
required for starting an Anglo-French edition
of the bitter anti-British paper "Lewa" was
furnished by the Khedive; or at any rate
advanced.Every eat owner in Berlin has now to pay a
tax, which is equivalent to a licence, and each
eat has to wear a metal disc round its neck as
evidence that the tax has been paid. Any eat
found on the streets without this metal disc is
taken off to the municipal lathal chamber
by the police. This method has already consider-
ably lessened the number of eats in Berlin.
The Emperor—who has a hatred of eats—is said
to have induced the Berlin municipality to take
action.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE PLURAL VOTING BILL.

LONDON, December 4th.
The Plural Voting Bill has passed the
third reading in the House of Commons.

THE SCOTS GREYS.

LONDON, December 4th.
Lord Rosebery, who was the principal
speaker at the National Meeting protested
against the removal of the Scots Greys from
Scotland, and warned the Government not
to stir up the hidden forces of the
animosities of the Scotch nation.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

LONDON, December 4th.
Mr. Miller repudiates the reported inter-
view.

THE NORTH BORNEO DINNER.

LONDON, December 4th.
Sir Charles Jessel, presiding at the North
Borneo dinner, at which 350 were present
said, we had laid the foundation of a colony
which was worth untold millions as an
Imperial heritage. The development of
the colony would proceed much faster in
the future. It was announced that an
application had been made to construct a
railway from Sandakan to Murudu. The
rubber Managers are more than satisfied
with the results of their enterprise.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 4th.
President Roosevelt's message deals in a
drastic manner with the question of the
exclusion of the Japanese, and severely
reproves Americans for behaving badly to
the Japanese. He urges an amendment of
the constitution, to enable the President to
enforce the treaty rights of aliens against
individual states, and declares that he will
employ all the permissible civil and military
forces on the question. President Roosevelt
describes the wholesale slaughter of seals in
the Pribilof Islands as barbarous, and says
that negotiations are proceeding between
Great Britain and Japan on the subject.
He suggests, that if the hideous cruelty of
pelagic sealing continues, the Americans
should exterminate the entire herd in the
most humane way possible.INTERNATIONAL WALKING
MATCH.

LONDON, December 4th.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting
held at the Belle View Hotel last evening to
consider the advisability of holding a local
international walking match. Mr. W. H.
Manners was appointed secretary of the move-
ment, and was asked to write to the various
clubs in the colony requesting them to send
representatives to a meeting to be subsequently
convened for the purpose of fixing a date for
the event, appointing a committee, judges and
officials, and to consider the entrance fee, style
of walking, course, prizes and other matters.
Individuals interested, who are not members of
clubs, are also to be invited to attend.

A TRANSFORMED BUSINESS HOUSE.

More than a passing glance will be bestowed on
the handsome premises in which Messrs. H.
Price and Company now conduct their wine
and spirit business at 12 Queen's Road Central.
The door of magnificent oak, and the neatly
arranged windows give an imposing appearance
to the exterior; but, on passing inside, it is
apparent that an even greater transformation
has been wrought. Re-arranged so as to provide
greater facilities for the conduct of the business
generally, the carefully planned alterations have
been admirably carried out. While these have
been effected in such a manner as to beautify
the interior, the more utilitarian
object of securing a thorough organisation of
the large business with a proper survey of
each department, has been kept in view. And
thus it is that the transformed office is
a thing of beauty and an aid to trade.
Those who remember the premises before
these changes were made will scarcely
recognise them in the roomy manager's office on
the left of the entrance, the well stocked sample
room opposite, and the commodious general
office beyond. Everything looks bright and
beautiful and cheery. The roof shows an
exceedingly pretty design, and as the pictorial
elements on the walls are in extremely good taste,
the *tout ensemble* is very attractive indeed.
Patrons will find in the sample room a plethora
of good things from which to make a choice.
In addition to wines and spirits—which include
the liquid products of Europe, America and
Australia—there are several brands of cigars on
view, and a closer acquaintance with either will
probably lead to mutual advantage. Passing
through the office the privileged visitor is
conducted round bins well stacked with old
wines, round the bottling room with its interesting
process, and through a perfect labyrinth of
cellars, in which boxes and casks filled with the
"nectar of the gods" wait their opportunity to
gladden the heart of customers. The visitor will
be surprised to find such huge cellars in such an
unexpected place, and as he files past rooms
devoted to champagne, sherry, port, gin, whisky
and so on he will dimly realise the extent of the
undertaking represented by the sign of H.
Price and Company. Preparations for the
festive season are in full swing, and this
enterprising firm may reasonably expect to do a
fair share of the trade in their special depart-
ment. Amid so much it is difficult to particularise,
but one interesting feature is the historic
drink—sack—which Shakespeare and other
writers remind us of. This dry sack is
prepared by Messrs. Williams and Humbert,
and each label bears an extract from Pepy's
diary of 28th August, 1661. It reads: "Hence to
White-hall to the Privy Seal, but nothing to
do. At night by land to my father's house
where I found my mother not very well. I did
give her a pint of sack." It only remains to be
said that Mr. A. E. Robinson, the manager, will
be found as attentive and obliging as is old,
and that he will be at home to patrons and others at
the office on Saturday between 11.30 and
1 o'clock and will be pleased to show them over
the renovated premises.

LECTURE.

Sir Henry Berkeley presided at the Union
Church Literary Club last night when Mr. J.
W. Lee Jones delivered an interesting and
instructive lecture on the French Revolution.Passing over the condition of King, nobles,
clergy and peasantry in France in the eighteenth
century, the lecturer stated that the real cause
of the revolution was the state of financial
embarrassment, coupled with the luxury and
prodigality of the Court, which ran the country
into a deficit of 112,000,000 francs per annum.
Traversing important events in French history
from 1775 the speaker arrived at the time when
"The Mountain" came into power in June 1793,
and spoke of the committee of public salvation
consisting of twelve members who really ran the Government, the minister
for the country being Carnot, who vented
upon Bonaparte. The Directory was
formed in 1795 on "The Mountain" being
crushed, and with the death of Robespierre on
July 28th the "reign of terror" began
gradually to subside. In 1799 a Council of
five was appointed to govern, which was
eventually reduced to three. Bonaparte being
at the head with all the authority of a potentate.
In 1802 he was elected to the
Council for life, and in 1804 was elected
Emperor. As a result of the revolution the
speaker stated that a spirit of equality spread
throughout Europe and the peasantry were
relieved from their state of serfdom. It gave
rise to many revolutions in the nineteenth
century, and really brought Europe to its
present condition of freedom.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CALCULATING GODOWN SPACE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS".

Hongkong, December 5th, 1906.
Sir,—In the report in yesterday's "Daily
Press" of the meeting of the shareholders
of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co.,
the speakers seemed to have got somewhat
confused in their calculating the cubic capacity
of the godown. The Company intend to
construct. One speaker elicited loud laughter
when he stated that 30 per cent would be lost
in passage space and an additional 20 per cent
for stowage. According to his figures the
20 per cent for stowage loss is calculated on
the whole cubic capacity of the godown
making in all 50 per cent, which one would
think accounted for the loud laughter. Later
on another speaker, who was listened to more
seriously, seemed to have fallen into the same
error, but was not laughed at. Had they gone
about the calculation in the right way they
would, I think, have arrived at a different
result. For example, let the cubic capacity
equal one foot. Then, 1 less 31 per cent
equals 7 of a foot. Now instead of calculating
the loss from stowage on one foot it must be
calculated on the 7 of a foot. Therefore,
7 less 20 per cent equals .56 of a foot, or 56 per
cent of a foot. This is 6 per cent more than
stated by the speakers, which makes a great
difference in profit earning, where about
3,000,000 cubic feet are being considered.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. LENNOX.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

December 5th.

THE YUET-HAI RAILWAY IMBROGLIO.

To continue where I left off, the public has
now lost confidence and unless matters are
thoroughly straightened out it will be very
difficult to restore that confidence so essential
for the success of any enterprise. The Hong-
kong merchants must have had an inkling of
what was going on as they have persistently
refused to send over the \$2,000,000 subscribed
by them, unless the money was deposited in
foreign banks in Canton. The nine charitable
institutions refused to do so on the plea that it
would entail a loss on account of the premium
on exchange, smaller interest, etc., and the result
was that the money was invested in Hongkong
paying satisfactory arrangements in the
management here offering more security than
what is given at present. President Cheang
To-chai has a very difficult problem to solve.
Liquidation would spell disaster as the \$2,000,000
invested with the local shops must be accounted for,
on the other hand nobody will take the responsibility
of taking over the management without
a clear account being given of the funds
in hand. As I have already said it is an open
secret that most of the shops that have handed
the monies deposited with them are in a bad way
and it is next to impossible for them to replace
the money lost within the next few months.
Ta-tai Shum Tong has refused to accept the
responsibility of taking over the concern as it
stands and very wisely too. Ta-tai Shum is an
experienced man. He was secretary to H. E.
Wu Ting-fang when that official was minister
to the United States. He remained six years
in Washington and devoted his time to the study
of law and politics. He has expressed his will-
ingness to take over the presidency when
matters are straightened out. The situation
has now reached its crisis and it remains to be
seen how the dilemma is to be solved. If
Ta-tai Cheang elects to demand accounts from
the nine charitable institutions, a panic
may be caused a complete fiasco.
Even to the winding up of the company
in that case no more subscriptions would be
forthcoming and the remaining two installments
would never be paid. The alternative solution
would be for the managers to make good out of
their own pockets what deficit exists. Cheang
is said to be a millionaire in dollars and might
ultimately himself obliged to pay to extricate
himself. The Vice-President of the company,
Wong King-tong, foreseeing the storm that was
about to burst, has left for the Straits Settlements
after having tendered his resignation prior to
his departure. The situation must be cleared up,
and interesting developments will no
doubt occur within the next month or two.

VICE-ROY SHAM.

It is reported that Vice-roy Sham has left
here a score or so of secret emissaries to watch
the movements of the new and old officials.
This last act of the ex-Vice-roy is well in keeping
with his character and there is no reason
to doubt its veracity. It appears that Sham is
afraid that the new officials will under part of
what was done under his regime. In this he is
watching most the officials of his own who
remain posts under the new Vice-roy. It is said
that Vice-roy Sham took with him a certain
number of blank memorials stamped and sealed
ready to forward to Peking the necessary
impeaching terms should any of his ex-associates
take a part in opposition to his schemes.

Etc.

A considerable quantity of rice consumed by
the people in the Kwangtung Province has
hitherto been imported from the Lau Chow,
Nanning and Hing Yuen Provinces in the
Kwangtung Province. During the last three
months very little rain fell in these places and
it was predicted that the winter rice crop would
fail. The price of rice in these provinces
gradually rose from \$5 to \$10 per picul. The
condition of affairs was reported to the Governor
of Kwangtung who issued a proclamation prohibiting
the exporting of rice. Fortunately there
was plenty of rain last month and the crop was
saved, in consequence of which the price of rice in
Kwangtung has gone down again. But unfortunately
after the above proclamation was issued the
price of rice in Kwangtung advanced considerably.
Recently Vice-roy Chou Fu received information
that the danger of famine in Kwangtung is over.
He has therefore sent a despatch to the Acting Governor to remove the
prohibition

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, December 6th.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PICCOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

CHUNG SHUN-KOO'S AFFAIRS.

His Lordship delivered his decision regarding the motion for leave to disclaim the lease made between the debtor and the Hongkong Land Investment Co. as lessors.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) appeared for the trustee, and Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., represented the Land Investment Co.

His Lordship said—In the matter of a disclaimer of a lease entered into by Chung Shun-koo with the Land Investment Company, it looked at first sight as if I should have at last to decide the much vexed question whether the English Bankruptcy rules were in force in the Colony in virtue of the joint operation of section 71 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance and sub-sections 3 and 4 of the C.C.P. It seems probable, however, that the question will only be solved piecemeal and by a gradual process of elimination. I have now only to consider whether the English rule 320 is in force here. The operation of section 71 in this particular is subject to the limitation that the rules shall not be inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Ordinance, and on the face of it the English rule 320 is inconsistent. It begins "A lease may be disclaimed without leave of the Court in the following cases," which fits on to section 53 (3): "a trustee shall not be entitled to disclaim a lease without the leave of the Court, except in any case which may be prescribed by general rules." The provisions of section 48 (3) of the Hongkong Ordinance are simply "a trustee shall not be entitled to disclaim a lease without leave of the Court". The cases dealt with in rule 320, one of which was attempted to be set up here, do not apply to this Colony. This leaves us with the broad general rule that a lease cannot be disclaimed without leave of the Court. This must mean that a disclaimer is not a disclaimer until it is sanctioned by the Court, which of itself precludes the possibility of allowing a disclaimer to have a retrospective operation. For the reasons adduced for such a retrospective operation might go to the extent of introducing a condition similar to the case contemplated in English rule 320. I do not think therefore that I need unravel the disputed interpretation of what took place between Mr. Lowe and Mr. Deacon on the one side, and Mr. Deacon and Mr. Shelton Hooper on the other. I must point out, however, that Mr. Lowe in his affidavit of November 14th at the end of paragraph 6, says: "Mr. Deacon added that he was looking into the matter on my behalf on September 14th"; and on September 24th in a letter to Mr. Almada he says: "Mr. Deacon already has my instructions in the matter of the disclaimer." In any circumstances, therefore, it would be impossible to hold that the Land Investment Co. had an effective notice on the 14th September of the trustee's intention to disclaim, and so far as the written notice of intention to disclaim of the 25th October, this, as I have already said, is not of itself sufficient to operate as an actual disclaimer until the leave of the Court has been in fact given. While, therefore, I give leave to disclaim, I cannot make it operative except from the time when the order is drawn up. This carries with it the right of the Company to retain rents accrued out of the \$7,500 in their hands. With regard to the remaining question, I am not at all clear how and for what the Company will prove in the bankruptcy, but the question is not before us now. This point, however, does seem clear. The money in their hands is called a security; and the claim which they will make, if it is admissible, will be one which falls within the objects for which the money was deposited with them in security. It is the debtor's money, and the Company has a lien on it expressly created by the deed. They therefore come within the definition of secured creditors in the Bankruptcy Ordinance. The motion having raised points on which the trustee has been unsuccessful, the Company must have the costs of the motion out of the estate.

CREDITOR'S CLAIMS.

His Lordship continued—I have now to deal with certain questions arising out of my judgment on the motion of the Trustee calling on certain creditors to establish their claims, and in default that their claims be expunged.

The decision of this motion follows in natural and logical sequence from that judgment. The Trustee being the successor in title of the Official Receiver can do no more than the Official Receiver himself. The claim of any creditor having been admitted, the Official Receiver could not come to the Court and say merely: "I have come to the Court and with regard to a certain creditor and I want his claim investigated." Nor can the Trustee. What can be done is that the Official Receiver or Trustee, as the case may be, can come to this Court with some ground of suspicion, some definite reason why he considers such and such a claim needs further investigation. I cannot put the decision of the Official Receiver to admit the claim quite on the high level of a judgment, neither can I hold on the other hand that the Official Receiver in the performance of his duty imposed upon him by section 30 (E) is a merely ministerial officer. He may require evidence to be furnished to him and must come to a decision upon the evidence before him, whether that originally furnished (that which he has called for; and an appeal from his decision lies to this Court. His duties therefore are clearly ministerial in this instance. Looking at the question generally, what does the Trustee propose that this Court

should do here? Merely call on the creditors to substantiate or adduce further evidence in support of their claims, without adding the slightest evidence or giving any reasons casting suspicion on the claims in support of his request. The mere fact that learned counsel has been instructed to call them "bogus" creditors, as he did throughout his argument, is not sufficient; nor is the assumption that the Court will be hoodwinked unless the motion is succeeded to. The creditors are entitled to remain in the position in which the acceptance of their claims by the Official Receiver has put them: and if the Trustee has any ground for supposing that the Official Receiver erred in accepting the documents, or if he had any ground of suspicion that the claim is a bogus one let him come to this Court and say so, giving his reasons, and the Court will consider them. Without it—No! So much for the general aspect of the question. But with regard to the special case of the oil contract, a case has clearly been made on the law, and the mere mention of the word "differences" in the contract shows that the question requires investigation; and not in law only, but also in fact. We must inquire a little more particularly what that contract really is. Was it a wagering contract, or was it a time bargain? There is nothing to show. And as it is clear that the Court of Bankruptcy can be obliged even a judgment, it is clear that all the circumstances under which time contracts were entered into can be made the subject of inquiry. Directly this inquiry is sanctioned it of course impossible to limit it, and the questions put to the creditor may inevitably include such as will test the existence of the contract. This I cannot help, nor, as the claim has been sworn to will it involve any additional hardship or expense, or any departure from the general principle I have laid down. As to the procedure, there is no need for any issue, nor any pleading. I shall call upon this creditor to come before the Court, as a person whom the Court deems capable of giving information respecting the debtor's dealings under Section 26 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance. I shall treat the proof accepted by the Official Receiver as a sufficient prima facie proof of his claim, and he may then be cross-examined by counsel for the Trustee, and re-examined by the counsel who is appearing for him. The question of costs is

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BANKING DIFFICULTY SURMOUNTED.

His Lordship explained that the difficulty regarding the opening of an account in connection with the debtor's estate had been settled, therefore the former order he made would be cancelled and the money paid into the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

AN IMPRISONED DEBTOR.

To the Wing Sun Chuen firm exports Wong Yu Nam.

This was an application for a debtor's release. Mr. F. C. Barlow (of Messrs. Goldring and Barlow) appeared to apply for the release of an imprisoned partner in the debtor firm. Mr. J. S. Harston (of Messrs. Ewens, Harston and Harding), Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) and Mr. C. F. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings' office) appeared to oppose the application.

Mr. Barlow informed his Lordship that he appeared for Lo Ming, a partner in the debtor firm who was at present in Victoria Jail for failing to find security. An affidavit filed on November 8th showed that a reclosing order had been made against the debtor firm. Lo Ming filed the statement of affairs of the firm, and a sum of \$900 had already been collected by the trustee in bankruptcy. He submitted that the present position could not be maintained as the affidavits showed nothing against his client.

Mr. Harston stated that the debtor firm were at present indebted to Shawan, Tomes and Co. in the sum \$11,270 while the assets returnable were between \$300 and \$300, and they had had \$11,000 worth of goods during the six months preceding the bankruptcy. As the result of an original action the prisoner was put in jail as he failed to find security.

His Lordship—But now that bankruptcy has supervened, how can you keep him in jail?

Mr. Harston—Under section 10.

His Lordship—Without going into the facts I should have thought that that ipso facto would have released him.

Mr. Harston submitted that under section 10 the debtor should be kept in jail until he gave a satisfactory account of what he had done with his money.

His Lordship—I don't see how you can go so far as that. You might make a strong case for security for his appearance.

Mr. Harston—that is all I want.

His Lordship (to Mr. Barlow)—Are you willing to give security?

Mr. Barlow—This man's a bankrupt, how can he?

His Lordship—So was that gentleman I just discharged, but he found security.

Mr. Barlow—I would submit that now the bankruptcy has proceeded so far everything that could be recovered has been recovered. Assuming that he was going to run away it is not necessary for his further appearance now that the property has been restrained. I would suggest further in support of this, that at the meeting of creditors no resolution was passed, and if no instructions were given the official receiver to take necessary proceedings to detain this man he should be discharged. They have no right to keep him under this existing bond after he has been made bankrupt; that has been ruled in this Court already.

Mr. Harston—I submit your Lordship has power under the section I mentioned to order the debtor to find sufficient security.

His Lordship—the point Mr. Barlow takes is this: that the effect of the receiving order entitles you to no remedy against the person of the debtor without the leave of the Court. I don't know whether he is right.

Mr. Harston—Section 10 gives your Lordship power.

His Lordship—But Mr. Barlow takes the previous point that the man has no right to be in jail. The law seems to be fairly clear that he is entitled to his release if he applies for it, but it seems to me it was the responsibility of the debtor at the time the receiving order was made to make his application for discharge.

Mr. Grist—He must give notice to the creditor who has been instrumental in putting him in jail.

His Lordship—The only point against you is, what is the use of it?

Mr. Harston—in my affidavit a prima facie case is made out to show that there would be some use.

His Lordship decided that the debtor should put up \$500 security.

Mr. Barlow—I consider this is extremely hard, and would suggest for your Lordship's consideration that this man, having been in prison all this time, the Official Receiver had every opportunity of collecting his debts. The alleged properties in China could be attached, but the man must not be kept in prison indefinitely.

His Lordship—I agree with you that under normal circumstances your client would be entitled to be released, but there is a series of affidavits showing a strong case against him.

Mr. Barlow—I would then ask that the security be reduced.

His Lordship—The story of his transactions is such that it is a very small sum indeed for you to have to find.

Mr. Barlow—Might I ask your Lordship to what extent this is to go; is there any possibility of this man ever being discharged?

His Lordship—that is for you to find out.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

The debtor was then examined by the Official Receiver. He said he carried on business as the San Cheong firm at 147 Des Voeux Road Central. He commenced business in 1900 with \$500 capital and made a profit of \$500 in the first year. In the following year this dropped to \$300, but in 1903 he started to sell tin plates, and made a net profit of \$400. In 1904 his loss was \$500, but at the beginning of February 1905 he made a little profit, losing again by the end of the year from \$3,000 to \$4,000. He continued business for three or four years after he was unable to meet his liabilities in the hope of making a profit to pay off his debts. He had no property other than that mentioned in his statement of affairs. Previously he had property in the country, but sold it on May 18th, and with the \$500 realised paid part of his debt to Shawan Tomes and other firms. He did not make an entry in his cash book, although money received from other sources was always entered. Debtor sold \$8,000 cases of tin, about 3,000 cases of which were sent to Macao, while some had been sent to Canton. He had been paid for these goods.

Mr. Harston—Debtor had no partners. His transactions were extensive with Shawan, Tomes and Co., but they knew he was insolvent when they let him have about \$10,000 worth of goods; in fact, they persuaded him to take them.

In September he saw a European from Shawan Tomes, but did not tell him he had from \$4,000 to \$5,000 due him in Macao, although he promised to liquidate his debt in two or three days. He went over to Macao to raise a loan. He had no debts to collect there as they had all been previously paid.

The examination was adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, December 6th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZLIND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

PERILS OF TRAM DRIVERS.

An interesting case, in which a coolie was charged with assaulting the motorman of a tram car, was developed before his Worship. It appeared that as case No. 25 was proceeding along West Point on Wednesday morning a coolie carrying a bag of rice, crossed the road. The motorman sounded the bell, but the coolie did not get clear of the track, with the result that the bag broke one of the windows. Complainant got down to arrest the coolie. He caught hold of him and asked him where he lived, but before anything further could be done a number of coolies surrounded the motorman, maltreated him, and left him lying on the track. Defendant was alleged to be one of the assailants, but witnesses could only speak to seeing defendant preventing the motorman from arresting the coolie and killing the others to run away.

Inspector Collett asked for a remand, and this was granted.

TRESPASSERS.

Mr. D. Fayle, of 3, Stewart Terrace, Peak, charged three coolies with being in his servants' quarters without his permission. On behalf of his Worship was asked to inflict heavy penalty in order to act as a warning and deter coolies from trespassing there. The magistrate said the servants themselves were frequently to blame and he imposed a fine of \$10 on each.

RAISING A LAUNCH.

The Harbour Master proceeded against Chung Chin-kai, of 10, Queen's Road Central, for the recovery of \$1,250, the cost of raising defendant's steam launch Yat Sum which founded during the typhoon of September 18th off MacGregor's Barracks, Praya East. Mr. Morrell, from the Crown Solicitor's office, prosecuted and Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro defended.

Mr. d'Almada said he was prepared to pay the amount claimed if he was satisfied that the sum charged had been expended. He considered the claim excessive.

Mr. Morrell—I don't think we are bound to tender for that contract.

Mr. d'Almada—They will have to prove that the amount is reasonable.

Mr. Morrell—I can prove what the contract was.

His Worship—The point at issue is whether the amount is reasonable or not.

Mr. Morrell—The defendant failed to raise her. If he does not comply with the notice we can raise the launch at the best terms we can get. We need not go out of our way to get tenders.

His Worship—Can you produce some one from the Harbour Department to prove that this is a reasonable amount? It is the only thing to be done.

Mr. Morrell—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada—We also say we were not served with the notice.

Mr. Morrell—I can prove the notice was left at the defendant's registered address.

Mr. E. Jones, Assistant Harbour Master, said that it was necessary to raise the launch as she was dangerous to navigation, and notice was accordingly sent to the owner at his registered address on October 15th. He considered that the cost, \$1,250, was reasonable, as the cost for lighters at that time was practically \$200 a day.

Cross-examined—He had not inspected the place where the launch lay, but Mr. McIver had supplied him with the particulars.

His Worship—We must have Mr. McIver.

Witness further stated that the money had not yet been paid by the Harbour Department.

Mr. d'Almada—We would argue that the Government could not claim money until it had extended it.

Mr. Morrell—We cannot raise money to pay monies for which somebody else is liable. We simply make ourselves responsible for it.

His Worship said he was against Mr. d'Almada.

As Mr. Barlow had also to be called to prove that the notice had been served at defendant's registered address, the case was adjourned till this afternoon.

THE APPROACHING ROYAL VISIT.

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MAGISTRACY.

A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the MAGISTRACY, at 2.15 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 18th December, 1906, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, viz.:—

To transfer from one A. W. SLATON to WILLIAM BIRCH MOSEN the adjourned license to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on premises No. 13, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "THE CONNAUGHT HOTEL". F. A. HAZELAND, Police Magistrate, Hongkong, 5th December, 1906. [2233]

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TO-DAY (FRIDAY),

the 7th December, 1906, at his SALES ROOM, No. 8, Queen's Road Central, at 2.30 P.M. H. O. E. H. OLD FURNITURE CO. Comprising—

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1906. [2240]

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TERMS—As usual.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1906. [2241]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1906. [2242]

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1906. [2243]

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Swatow, 3rd December, 1906. [2223]

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J. T. CARTER, Lieutenant-Colonel, H.M. Treasury Chest Officer.

His Majesty's Treasury Office,

Fletcher Street, Hongkong, 4th December, 1906. [2230]

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 73.

CHAIN ROCK LIGHT-HOUSE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the LIGHT on Chain Rock, Beas Tigris, Canton River, was EXHIBITED for the first time at sunset on the 24th November, 1906.

The Illuminating Apparatus is dioptric, of the 5th order, showing a fixed Red Light.

The Light Tower is situated on Chain Rock, Beas Tigris, and the Light which is elevated 33 feet above ordinary High Water level should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 7 nautical miles.

The Tower is a square brick structure, 201 feet high to the top of the Parapet, with a total height from the base to the top of the lantern of 36 feet.

The Tower is painted brick-colour.

Approximate position—

Lat. ... 22° 47' 26" N.

Long ... 113° 37' 20" E.

J. HOWELL MAY,

Harbour Master.

Approved—

F. J. MAYER,

Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,

Canton, 29th November, 1906. [2210]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1906. [2234]

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AACHEN and MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO.

OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [1585]

THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY.

OF HAMBURG.

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SIEMESSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [2214]

THE NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1905

£17,827,119.

1. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £1,000,000

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 2,750,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 637,500 0 0

12. FIRE FUNDS ... 3,385,720 18 8

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1906. [2207]

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1906. [2215]

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ARRIVALS.

FOOCHOW British steamer, 6th December—
from Canton.
HOLSTEIN German str., 1,103, A. Neuhof, 6th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoochow 5th Dec., General—Jebon & Co.
HONGKONG French steamer, 733, E. Comil, 6th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoochow 5th Dec., General—A. R. Marti.
HUNAN British str., 1,112, Puckett, 6th Dec.—Tientsin 30th Nov., General—Batterfield & Swire.
KNIESTEIN German str., 650, Chr. Jurgens, 6th Dec.—Kwangtchauwan via Macao 5th Dec., General—Jebon & Co.
QUINTA German steamer, 6th December—from Canton.
SHAHJAHAN British steamer, 1,096, J. H. Scott, 6th Dec.—Saigon 1st Dec., Kiel, Acc.—Chinese.
TRIUMPH German steamer, 6th December—from Canton.

CLEARANCES,
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE

Due 6th.
Bremen, British str., for London.
Huschung, British str., for Coast Ports.
Hongkong, British str., for Shanghai.
Krauelstein, German str., for Kwangtchauwan.

DEPARTURES

Dec. 6th.
AMIGO German str., for Foochow.
BELLO D'OROS British str., for Manila.
BRAND Norwegian str., for Singapore.
HOHENSTAUFEN German str., for Shanghai.
HUFF French str., for Haiphong.
NANCHANG British str., for Shanghai.
NORTH Norwegian str., for Seaton.
ONSAUND British str., for Canton.
PROTECTOR Norwegian str., for Canton.
SHAHSHEER British str., for London.
SIGNAL German str., for Seaton.
SPIE Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
TAHUNG British str., for Canton.
WAKAMATSU MARU Japanese str., for Meiji.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British *Herald* reports: Fine weather.
The British str. *Shahjahan* reports: Fresh
wind, clear weather and sharp heat seen
throughout.

VESSELS IN DOCK

Dec. 6th.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—
KOWLOON DOCKS—
MOUNTAIN DOCKS—
HONGKONG, U.S.S. *Cotton*, *Hindoo*, Frontie.
Capt. Sir Wm. Jervis, *Shawmut*, H.M.S.
Robin.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS—*S. P. Blicheroek*,
Dredger.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship
"BEN MOIR,"
Captain Webster, will be despatched as above
on or about the 30th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1906. [2024]

POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"HATCHING,"
Captain A. E. Hodges, will be despatched for
the above Ports TO-DAY, the 7th instant,
at 9 A.M. instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LA PRAIAK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1906. [2235]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
"GLENNAVON,"
Captain W. Menden, will be despatched as above
TO-DAY, the 7th December.

FOR LONDON.

For Freight, apply to
MOGHEGOR BROS. & GOW,
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1906. [2147]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

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STEAM FOR SAIGON,
SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN,
DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, LONDON,
HAVRE, BOHEMIA,
EDITOR RANEAN
AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship
"ERNEST SIMONS,"
Captain Bourdon, will be despatched for
MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 11th
December at 1 P.M.

This Steamer connects at Colombo with the
Australian Line s.s. *Armand Beloe*, bound for
Marsella via BOMBAY and Aden.

Passage tickets and through bills of Lading
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Cargo also booked for principal places in
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Next sailings will be as follows:
S.S. "POLYNESIEN" ... 25th Dec.
S.S. "CALEDONIEN" ... 8th Jan.
S.S. "SALAZIE" ... 22nd Jan.
S.S. "OCEANIEN" ... 5th Feb.
S.S. "TOURLANE" ... 25th Feb.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1906. [2222]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"CATHERINE APCAR,"
Captain W. D. A. Thomas, will be despatched
for the above Ports on TUESDAY, 11th inst.,
at 3 P.M.

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"B" nearest Hongkong "H" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "M" and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "K.W." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

SHIP	DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & CO.	BERTH	CAPTAIN
LONDON	LONDON & ANTWERP	BENMOHR	Brit. str.	—	Webster
LONDON &c. via GULF OF CALL	GLENAYON	Brit. str.	—	Woodfender	
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORT OF CALL	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Hida, R.N.E.	
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	ERNEST SIMONS	Fredstr.	—	Bourdon	
HAMBURG & ANTWERP	SAN DOMINGO	Span. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	
HEMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	FORMOSA	Ger. str.	K. w.	Kirchner	
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	C. FRED. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	K. w.	Meyerlücke	
HAVRE, ANTWERP, HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	K. w.	Schmidt	
HAVRE, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	SPEZIA	Ger. str.	K. w.	Malchow	
NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	K. w.	v. Hoff	
NAPLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	HOHENSTAUFEN	Ger. str.	K. w.	Jäger	
TRISTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	SILESIA	Aus. str.	K. w.	Bahle	
ODESSA	E. F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	—	Matcovitch	
NEW YORK	PETRONIA	Brit. str.	—	Sander, Wiele & Co.	
VERONA	SAIN PATRICK	Brit. str.	—	Melchers & Co.	
VLADIVOSTOCK	VERANDA	Brit. str.	—	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & VLADIVOSTOCK	AMBIA	Brit. str.	—	Carlowitz & Co.	
CHAMPSIA	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & VLADIVOSTOCK	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
YOKOHAMA, NAGOYA, KURE & YOKOHAMA	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
AMOY & SHANGHAI	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
SWATOW, ...	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
MANILA	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
SANDAKAN	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
HONGKONG via SINGAPORE & PENANG	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	
JAVA PORTS	CHAMPSIA	Brit. str.	—	—	

SHIP	DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & CO.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	—	—	—	—	—	Quick despatch,	No day
McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	—	—	—	—	—	On 15th inst., at Noon	—
P. & O. S. N. CO.	—	—	—	—	—	On 14th inst., at 1 P.M.	—
MESSEGERIES MARITIMES	—	—	—	—	—	About 13th inst.	—
MELCHERS & CO.	—	—	—	—	—	About 13th inst.	—
P. & O. S. N. CO.	—	—	—	—	—	On 19th inst., at Noon	—
MELCHERS & CO.	—	—	—	—	—	On 23rd inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 3rd Jan.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 25th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 11th Jan.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 8th Feb.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	About 27th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	About end of Dec.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	About 14th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	About 17th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 2nd Jan.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 9th Jan., at Noon.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	Middle of Dec.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 11th inst., at Noon.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 5th Jan.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 10th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 13th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	To-day.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 11th inst., Daylight.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	About 8th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	About 10th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	About 14th inst.	—
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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 9th inst., Daylight.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	To-day, at 9 A.M.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	To-day, at 4 P.M.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	To-morrow, at Noon.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 11th inst.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 15th inst., at Noon.	—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	—	—	—	—	—	On 1	

**PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI and JAPAN	{ NUBIA Capt. F. J. Fox	About 8th December	{ Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	{ SIMLA Capt. C. D. Goldsmith	About 14th December	{ Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS	DEVANIA Capt. T. H. Hide, R.N.E.	Noon, 15th December	{ See Special of Call.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	FORMOSA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	About 19th December	{ Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1906.

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**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMOY and SHANGHAI	* "FOOCHOW"	On 7th December.
MANILA	* "TIAN"	On 11th December.
SHANGHAI	* "SHAOHSING"	On 11th December.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	* "CHANGSHA"	On 13th December.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, * "CHANGSHA"	"	On 5th January.
TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"	"

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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* TAMSUI VIA SWATOW { "MASAN MARU" AND AMOY Capt. I. SAKURAI } SUNDAY, 9th Dec.		at DAYLIGHT.

* These Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with electric light. First-class Saloon Amidships. Unrivalled Table.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1906.

T. ARIMA, Manager. [14]

**PASSENGER SEASON
1907.**

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FOR

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10,500 TONS, CAPT. C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

WILL BE DESPATCHED AT NOON,

ON

SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH,
AND IS DUE IN MARSEILLES ON THE 20TH APRIL AND LONDON ON
THE 27TH APRIL.

IN ADDITION TO GIVING PASSENGERS AN OPPORTUNITY OF SPENDING ABOUT 24 HOURS IN BOMBAY THIS VESSEL WILL MAKE A FAST RUN TO MARSEILLES AND LONDON. THE VOYAGE FROM HONGKONG TO MARSEILLES SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 28 DAYS AND TO LONDON IN 35 DAYS.

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Hongkong, 11th October, 1906.

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STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES.

PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD	WEDNESDAY	19th December
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	2nd January
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY	16th January
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY	30th January
ONEISENHAU	WEDNESDAY	13th February
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY	27th February
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY	13th March
PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY	27th March
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY	10th April
PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD	WEDNESDAY	24th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	8th May

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Hongkong Mail, with the American mail left Shanghai on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at midnight, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Yen, with the French mail of the 9th ultimo, leaves Saigon on Friday, the 7th inst., at 5 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday the 10th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 6th October.

FOR

	PER	DATE
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Tamsui	Friday	7th, 9.00 A.M.
Huching	Friday	7th, 9.00 A.M.
Michael Jensen	Friday	7th, 11.00 A.M.
Arcadia	Friday	7th, 11.00 A.M.
Macau	Friday	7th, 1.15 P.M.
Moji	Friday	7th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy and Shanghai	Friday	7th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Friday	7th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Saturday	8th, 9.00 A.M.
Hainan	Saturday	8th, 10.00 A.M.
Durban	Saturday	8th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Sunday	9th, 10.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA,
HOKKAIDO AND SAN FRANCISCO
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents).

Macao
Swatow
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
Shantou
Manila, Singapore, Fidji and Wilhelmsburg
Hongkong, Melbourne, Metropole, Brisbane
Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand
Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth

EAST, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents).
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Macao
Shanghai
Shantou, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Seattle
Baltic, Sammarin, Sourabaya and Macassar
Singapore, Penang and Batavia
Yokohama, and Kobe
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland
Bandung and Sourabaya
Malta
EAST, &c., India via Tuticorin
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents).
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The Parcel mail will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 10th inst.

EAST, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents).
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Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA,
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, December 6th.

COMPANY.	Paid Up	Quotations.
Alhambra	\$200	\$120.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Sh.	\$125	\$805.
National B. of China	15	\$47, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	\$7, sellers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$10, sellers
China Provident	\$10	\$9.15, buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo.	Tls. 50	Tls. 78.
Hongkong	\$10	\$13, sellers
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 9.
Lau Kong Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 89.
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 330, buyers
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$17.
Dock and Wharves—		
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$91, buyers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$100, sellers
New Army Dock	\$60	\$101, sellers
Staunton Dock and Ling. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 100.
S'pore & H. Wharf.		Tls. 2.
Fenwick & Co., Docks	\$25	\$22, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$104, sales
Hongkong & G. Co.	\$10	\$17.5, buyers
Hongkong Electric ...	\$10	\$15, buyers
H. H. L. Transport ...	\$100	\$21.5, miles
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$112.
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$25, sellers
Hongkong Rop. Co.	\$10	\$22, sellers
H'p'ng S. Waterboat	\$10	\$74, sales
Insurances—		
Centra.	\$50	\$90, sellers
China Fire.	\$20	\$95, buyers
China Traders	\$25	\$105, buyers
Hongkong Fire.	\$50	\$300, buyers
North China.	5s.	Tls. 85.
Union.	\$100	\$702.
Yangtze.	\$90	\$105.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$104, buyers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$114, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$10	\$39, sellers
Shanghai Land.	Tls. 50	36 x now issue
WestPoint Building	Tls. 25	Tls. 50, new issue
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Frs 250	\$450, nominal
Raubs.	18/10	\$81, buyers
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$6.
Refineries—		
China Sugar.	\$100	\$145, sellers
Luzon Sugar.	\$100	\$22, sellers
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